Commissioner. So far as the temple there is concerned his presence in the temple is necessary almost in fact daily.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is there any objection for a Christian going and seeing the Chief of Cranganur?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I think according to the recent usuages there might be objections raised by the Chief. He may not like to have intimate relations with such people.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What are the intimate relations?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—That is going into very room where the Chief holds court and so on.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What court is that; any darbar?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Court that Chief has.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Then do not Government think that a Nambudiri will be the best man?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There are Nambudiries and Nambudiries.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—In view of the separation of the Revenue Department and the Devaswam Department cannot the Government assign these functions to the Devaswam authorities?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I am not in a position to say that.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Who is the real claimant of that post?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I want to know whether the natural claimants will be appointed at least elsewhere and therefrom transferred to this place so that the claim of other people is not overlooked?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I think that is what is being done.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Why not take away these duties from the shoulders of the Deputy Tahsildar?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I cannot give an off hand answer.

Confirmation of Mr. A. R. Raman.

340. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) when was Revenue Inspector Mr. A. R. Raman confirmed on Rs. 40 and what was the then permanent pay of the Trichur Tahsildar Mr. R. G. Krishna Ayyar now officiating as Superintendent of Survey and Land Records, and when was the latter first given a chance to act as Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar;

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(b) did the Diwan Peishkar Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar make a special recommendation to the Government to appoint Mr. R. G. Krishna Ayyar as acting Tahsildar even passing over the claims of his seniors, and was it chiefly on account of this recommendation that Mr. Krishna Ayyar was then appointed to act as Tahsildar.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Mr. A. R. Raman was confirmed on Rs. 40 on 6—8—1104. Mr. R. G. Krishna Ayyar was then permanent in the grade of Rs. 60—80. The latter was first appointed to officiate as Tahsildar in Meenam 1107.

(b) No.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know whether the answer to sub-division (b) 'No' refers to both parts of the question?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It applies to both. He did not make any special recommendation to appoint R. G. Krishna Ayyar passing the claims of his seniors.

Phylarial fever—Ernakulam.

341. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) are the Government aware that cases of Phylarial fever at Ernakulam are on the increase ;

(b) have the Government enquired into the causes for such increase;

(c) are the Government aware that large areas of marshy lands exist at Ernakulam ,

(d) have the Government any idea to reclaim or drain such marshy lands ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (a).

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes. A scheme for the improvement of the low-lying places at Ernakulam on the lines suggested by Mr. R. Dann, the Town Planning Expert to the Government of Madras, is under consideration.

Mr. Paul Mampilli—Are there cases of Phylarial fever at Ernakulam?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have the Government cared to enquire whether it is on the increase or decrease;

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—We have not made any statistical survey.

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